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Ottawa to host figure skating championships

On ice. Tickets for 100th anniversary competition in 2014 to go on sale in spring 2013



JOE LOFARO

Minto Skating Club members Jeff Hough and Samantha Glavine glided gracefully across the Rink of Dreams, Tuesday morning, in a daz-zling performance, giving Ot-tawans a taste of what is to come in 2014.

Skate Canada announced at city hall the 2014 Canadian Tire National Figure Skating Championships will be held at Scotiabank Place from Jan. 9 to 15.

The event will mark the 100th anniversary of the competition, which started at the Minto Skating Club in 1914. Elizabeth Manley, 1988 Olympic silver medallist and

three-time Canadian champion, attended the announcement along with Mayor Jim Watson and Skate Canada president Benoît Lavoie

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Watson said after the announcement he wants to make this an even bigger event by expanding it to the Rideau Canal, the Rink of Dreams and other hockey

"It's something we should be proud of as Canadians," said Watson. "We're a skating nation, we're a skating city, and to have the national championships in their hundredth year right here in Ottawa is pretty special."

He expects a \$4-million economic impact from the weeklong spectacle. It comes at just the right time from a tourism perspective because Ianuary is usually a slow time for visitors to the city, he add-

"Winterlude doesn't start until February, the House of Commons doesn't sit in January, you don't have as much business travel, so this comes

at a perfect time," he said.

The 2014 competition will be the final qualification opportunity for athletes to be named to represent Canada at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.



Strikes loom in 2013

Teachers' unions announced more strikes in the new year if the province imposes a contract on them PAGE 4

Sex slurs spark riot

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Chestnuts a part of the holiday tradition

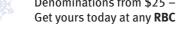
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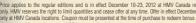












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\$6 M shv. **United Way** campaign extends into 2013

On track for its \$30 million target, the United Way is extending its 2012 fundraising campaign.

The charity organization announced Tuesday that its 2012 community campaign would extend three months into 2013. United Way Ottawa has raised \$24 million since Sept. 27, \$6 million shy of its target for the year. United Way spokesman Barry Keegan said that number only includes actual donations processed, not the 20 per cent or so the organization expects to receive in the new year.

Keegan said the organization always continued to collect funds until the fiscal year-end, and this is an "extension" only in the sense that their campaign-end event will take place in 2013.

"This year, we decided going out that we'd run (the campaign) right to our financial year-end," said Keegan. "The books don't close and folks continue to donate (to) us, and why don't we just wrap it up at the end and just make it clearer for everybody.

The organization raised \$32.3 million in its 2011 campaign, shy of its \$33.1 million goal. In 2010, the organization raised \$31.5 million with a goal of \$33.5 million

Keegan said the organization is using a new accounting method, and so the numbers are not directly comparable.

Rideau-Vanier Coun. Mathieu Fleury, one of the campaign co-chairs this year, said the organization is being more flexible to account for campaigns starting in the New Year. But for those with Christmas shopping left to do, Fleury plugged giftofchange. ca. Donations can be made at unitedwayottawa.ca, or by phone at 613-228-6767

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Free-food program fuels students

Carleton University Chaplaincy food table.

Loans run out for some students, while others apparently simply forget to eat during busy time of year



GRAHAM LANKTREE

It all started with a plate of homemade muffins and a coffee carafe to help students get through their exams, but demand has grown this year for a free-food table that helps students through the toughest time of year.

"The need has always

been there, it's just being recognized," said Pat Brush, treasurer at St. Giles Presbyterian Church and co-ordinator of the food table provided by Carleton University's Ecumenical Chaplaincy, noting that a few years ago the table served 400 students and is now feeding close to 1,400 daily.

"The loans don't make it till the end of the semes-ter," she said. "Students run out of money or they're going home for Christmas and don't want to have groceries rotting in their fridge. There are others who just forget to

Last year, one student collapsed during their exam for lack of food, Brush said. They had to call the paramedics and move the exam

'The loans don't make it till the end of the semester."

Pat Brush, treasurer at St. Giles Presbyter ian Church and co-ordinator of the Carleton chaplaincy's food table on why some students need assistance at the end of the term

to a different room. By feeding them, we help to calm them down. One of the exam proctors told us last year that she can tell which students have been to the table."

For the past 20 years, the table, organized by local church groups, has appeared during exams every semester and expanded its offering from muffins to a host

of homemade sandwiches, baked goods and fresh fruit for students free of charge. "We're bringing more food now, but we're not meeting the total need of the students," said Rev. Wayne Men-ard of the chaplaincy, noting that the number of churches involved has grown to 25.

"For me, I'm dead broke right now," said Victoria Ozimkowski, a fourth-year geography student who is volunteering time at the table alongside many elderly churchgoers who make the food from scratch. "For a lot of students, this is when their budget is running out, she said. "I'm a rower and last year one of my teammates spent all of December living off just carrots. It was all she was able to buy.



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Teachers' unions plan illegal strikes

New-year action.

Minister of education denounces union leadership for egging on rank and file



Teachers' unions announced more strikes are on the way in the new year if a contract is imposed on them by the province.

"It's unlikely to be a rotating strike, more likely a provincewide day of protest," said Harvey Bischof, vice-president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

"It's not a job action but a day away from school"

day away from school."
Yet any walkout would be illegal under a new contract the government could impose on elementary and high school teachers as early as Dec. 31 through Bill 115.

The bill bars teachers from striking for two years, hands them a wage freeze and cuts benefits.



"Any strike, once a collective agreement's in place, would be an illegal wildcat strike action," said Minister of Education Laurel Broten in

over Bill 115 in Toronto on

a radio interview Tuesday.

"I think it's irresponsible
for Sam Hammond and the
Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario leadership to
be encouraging their members to pursue illegal strike
activity."

Elementary teachers planned to picket the Liberal leadership debate at Carleton University Tuesday.

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Ottawa's young soccer elite

Ottawa soccer player Adrienne Li takes the pitch in this undated photo. Li is participating with some of the country's best young players in Soccer Canada's U15 National Identification Camp in Vaughan, Ont., this week. A Grade 10 student at école secondaire publique Louis-Riel, Li is the fifth student from the school's sports-concentration program to be selected for the national camp since 2007. CONTRIBUTED

Conflict of interest. Calls to ban developer cash in city elections continue

A group of community associations don't intend to give up on their quest to ban developer cash in municipal election campaigns.

The 30-odd associations are calling for a complete ban of cash donations from developers to municipal councillors' and candidates' election campaigns.

"It's not like federal or provincial campaigns where there are many layers between a given industry and the actual elected representative," said Jay Baltz of the Hintonburg Community Association on Tuesday. "At the municipal level, these councillors are directly approving or not approving individual applications on planning committee."

The suggestion is part of a set of four recommendations the associations are suggesting to overhaul the city's planning-approval process.

The associations also want an immediate ban on the practice of hiring consultants from development firms involved in planning applications, an immediate ban on councillors signaling approval of a project in confidential

Persistence

"I think they're just hoping it will go away. We're not intending to let it go away."

Jay Baltz of the Hintonburg Community
Association on city council

pre-consultation meetings and to enshrine the city's Official Plan in law.

The issue was last brought forward in 2009. Councillors Steve Desroches, Shad Qadri, Diane Deans, Eli El-Chantiry, Peter Hume, Bob Monnette, Jan Harder, Marian Wilkinson and Maria McRae voted against it.

The only sitting councillor to vote for the motion was Rainer Bloess, who could not be reached for an interview on Tuesday. Council did vote, however, to post a list of donors for each individual councillor, which is publicly available online.

Baltz said that, even if council refuses to take up the issue, the associations will continue to bring it forward.

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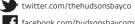


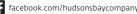
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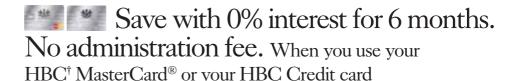
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Republicans open up to gun debate

Taking the first step.

Gun manufacturers see shares continue to drop as politicians on both sides of the aisle shift stances following Friday's shooting

Some Republicans now say they're willing to discuss the politically treacherous issue of gun control, along with mental-health issues and violent video games, while President Barack Obama said he supports efforts in Congress to reinstate an assault-weapon ban in the wake of last week's Connecticut school shooting.

The massacre, one of the worst mass shootings in U.S history, has rattled the usual national dialogue on guns in America, where public opinion had shifted against tougher gun control in recent years, and the gun lobby is a power-

ful political force

Ôbama has long supported reinstating the assaultweapon ban, which expired in 2004, but was quiet on the issue during his first term. He has said he believes the Constitution's Second Amendment guarantees an individual the right to bear arms.

The president was not expected to take any formal action on guns before the end of the year, given the all-consuming efforts to resolve tax and deficit-reduction talks and nominate new cabinet secretaries.

The most powerful supporter of gun owners, the National Rifle Association, broke its silence Tuesday. After a self-imposed media blackout that left many wondering how it would respond to the killings, it said in a statement that its members were "shocked, saddened and heartbroken by the news of the horrific and senseless murders"

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A complicated issue

"Put guns on the table ... put video games on the table, put mental health on the table."

Republican congressman Jack Kingston

Quebec. Slain teacher's relatives call American gun laws 'revolting'

The Newtown school massacre has left grieving Canadian relatives of one murdered teacher denouncing American gun laws.

Several of the Rousseau family in Quebec's Eastern Townships will be going down to Connecticut for the funeral of Lauren Rousseau, a substitute teacher whose father was born in Quebec.

"It's revolting how easy it is to obtain firearms — that's what's so infuriating," said the victim's uncle, Francois Rousseau. He and several relatives will be heading down for the funeral of his brother's daugh-

Lauren Rousseau, 30, was born in the U.S. Her Canadianborn father, Gilles, told Radio-Canada that he wanted to see his daughter's body, but was informed by authorities that it would not be possible.

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Bushmaster rifles

Firearms maker put up for sale

The largest firearms maker in the United States said Tuesday it is being put up for sale by its owner, which called last week's school shooting a "watershed event" in the national debate over gun control. Freedom Group International makes Bushmaster rifles, the weapon thought to have been used in Friday's killings.

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'Defending himself'

Student, 11, brings gun to school

Authorities say an 11-year-old boy caught with a gun at school in Utah told administrators he brought the weapon to defend himself in case of an attack similar to the mass shooting last week at a Connecticut elementary school. School officials say the boy has been arrested. No one was injured.

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Instagram sex slur sparks riot at school

Anonymous posting.

Mounted police move in as anger explodes after teenage girls were called 'sluts' and 'whores'

ARON **ANDERSSON**

An anonymous Instagram account that posted images of teenage girls and called them "sluts" and "whores" has sparked riots outside a Swedish high school.

The account showed more than 200 images of teens reportedly as young as 13.

"It is insane. It is completely unacceptable to say things like this about people."

Kirsi Niemi, mother of student Janina Niemi

It contained details of alleged sexual activity.

Hundreds of teens gathered outside Plusgymnasiet high school in Gothenburg where the alleged owner of the account is believed to at-

Police, some on horse-back, went to the school as students threw objects and jumped on cars, witnesses YouTube footage shows a

large group scuffling.
At the high school, one girl was hit in the face, another was attacked and kicked by four girls, a witness

told Metro.
"The teachers cried out and there was a panic on the whole school. It was so sick," said 17-year old student Janina Niemi, who was in the canteen when the fracas began.

"I saw one girl being kicked in the head. She was on the ground, there were four against one."

Some 27 people were arrested.

A 17-year old girl has been taken into custody. The girl is suspected of having started the Instagram account.



Suspects in maple syrup heist nabbed



Sticky fingers. Three people arrested in connection with theft of 2.7 million kilos of sweet, sweet inventory

There have been arrests in the case of a massive maple syrup heist, police announced Tuesday as they celebrated a break in their months-long multijurisdictional search for the stolen sticky stuff.

Three people have been detained in connection with the theft of a large quantity of the national condiment from a warehouse in Ouebec.

About 2.7 million kilos of maple syrup was reported

missing after a routine inventory check last summer. Or, if your preferred unit of measurement is pancakes, the stolen amount would have provided a one-tablespoon topping for a whopping 183 million flapjacks.

Police say they have now recovered most of the missing syrup. They have also seized vehicles suspected of being used in the trafficking operation and equipment like scales and electronic lifts.

Those arrested are expected to face charges in a Trois-Riviéres courtroom of theft, conspiracy, fraud and trafficking in stolen goods Tuesday.

There are arrest warrants out for five other people.

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Death row

Judge spares obese inmate

The decision by Ohio's governor to spare a morbidly obese death row inmate on legal grounds unrelated to the prisoner's weight means executions will likely carry on in the state next year.

Gov. John Kasich on Monday commuted the death sentence of Ronald Post to life without the possibility of parole, sparing him for the 1983 shooting death of Elyria motel clerk Helen Vantz. Kasich's decision to grant Post mercy mirrored the recommendation by the state parole board, which said there were too many problems with how he was represented 30 years ago.

Had the governor considered the argument used in Federal court — that executing Post would amount to cruel and unusual punishment — other death row inmates may have been able to use the same argument.

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'Corrupting morals'

Gore artist testifies

A Quebec special-effects artist charged with corrupting morals has defended himself in court, testifying that his gory works constitute art. Remy Couture testified on his own behalf at a jury trial being heard Tuesday in Montreal. Couture, 35, said the horror website he ran, Inner Depravity, which brought to life a psychopathic killer character he created, is artistic and not pornographic. He is charged with three

He is charged with three counts of corrupting morals by distributing, possessing and producing obscene materials—hundreds of photos and a pair of videos—in a case that explores the boundaries of artistic expression and Canadian obscenity laws.

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Policy change

Instagram says photos won't end up in advertising

Instagram, the popular photo-sharing service that Facebook bought this year, says it will revise a planned update to its service agreement after confusion about its intent led to widespread user complaints.

At issue is whether users' photos can be part of advertisements, on and off

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Instagram. The company said in a blog post Tuesday that it has no plans to put users' photos in advertise-

That said, Instagram maintains that it was created to become a business and would like to experiment with various forms of advertisements to make

After the company posted its new terms of service on Monday, it became the target of a storm of outrage on Twitter and other sites. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The airline will start with flights from Toronto to Venice and Edinburgh — two destinations that currently aren't served by Air Canada - and will serve Athens from Toronto and Montreal.

Air Canada's existing flights to Cuba, the Dominican Republican, Jamaica and Costa Rica will be flown by the discount carrier from Toronto.

The destinations are areas where demand for leisure travel has been growing, said Ben Smith, Air Canada's chief commercial officer. But many are routes that didn't generate adequate profits under Air Canada's existing cost structure.

"The creation of this carrier is to assist us in serving many destinations that our existing model does not work on a competitive basis," Smith said.

The airline says flights to Venice, Edinburgh and Athens start at "special introductory

fares" of \$949 round-trip, including all taxes, fees, charges and surcharges.

Flights to the Dominican Republic and Jamaica will start at \$269, one-way, while Cuba is offered starting at \$538 roundtrip. All the introductory fares, which are available until Dec. 25, are based on Toronto depar-TUTES. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BVO. Drink additive is safe, Health **Canada says**

Major soft-drink makers and Health Canada say the use of brominated vegetable oil in Canadian beverages is safe, despite a growing movement

elsewhere to ban its use. The additive, which is used to cloud and stop separation in some drinks, has been banned in most of Europe for decades and Japan recently discontinued its use. However, BVO continues to be used in popular drinks sold in Canada, including some flavours of Gatorade, Powerade, Fresca, Mountain Dew and Amp

BVO is classified as a food additive, but there is limited knowledge of its composition. researchers have said. It does contain bromine, which is also in flame retardants and has been found to build up in body lipids. A Health Canada spokesman said there are no health risks associated with BVO when it is used according to regulations, which sets out that 15 parts per million can be used in citrus or spruceflavoured beverages. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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When shoppers hit 'like,' retailers listen

Social media. Stores decide what products to stock up on and what deals to offer based on online feedback

Facebook isn't just for goofy pictures and silly chatter. Whether shoppers know it or not, their actions online help dictate what's in stores during this holiday season.

After polling customers on the social-media site, Macy's decided to carry denim jeans in bright neon hues rather than pastels. Walmart for the first time decided to let customers vote on which toys they want discounted. And to better plan orders for the decorative flags she sells, a small-business owner in Mississippi is running a contest that encourages customers to chime in about how they're decorating their homes this winter.

The impact of social media on a company's bottom line is tough to quantify, with no hard data on how millions of Facebook fans and Twitter followers translate into sales for stores.

But during the holiday shopping season, a roughly twomonth period when retailers can make up to 40 per cent of their annual revenue, stores are uncovering a valuable use for all the seemingly useless online muttering — market research.

The result is that whenever

Part of the process

 Rather than simply using social media to tout promotions and new products, companies are just now realizing the value of making customers feel as though they're part of the decision- making process, said Jennifer Kasper, who heads digital media at Macy's.

folks press the "like" button to give their seal of approval to a particular company's page or make a comment on how much they like the leather boots they just bought, they're helping everyone from independently owned small shops to the biggest retailers make decisions about what products to stock up on, what to play up on the sales floor and what promotions to offer online.

For the first time this year, one of Macy's Inc.'s apparel buyers suggested the company solicit feedback on Facebook on which colours it should stock for Else brand jeans ahead of the holiday season. Several weeks later, with about 2,500 "likes" and 750 comments, colours in bright blue, orange and red were declared the victor over softer shades.

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In this Nov. 22 photo, a shopper uses her smartphone at a Best Buy store in Florida. By using social media, consumers can influence what products retailers carry during the crucial holiday buying season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE





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Looking for something to do

the day the world ends?
How about a Cuddle Party?
There's one on the Last Day, this coming Friday, somewhere in Calgary. To ward off kuddle

krashers, you don't get to know the final location until you pay your 20 bucks and sign up. Then, apparently, you turn up in your pyjamas ready to cuddle. Or not.

WTF? You don't know about Cuddle Parties? Well, let me bring you up to speed. The Cuddle Party is the brainchild of two New York relationship counsellors (you're surprised?), Reid Mihalko and Marcia Baczynski, who started them in their "tiny Manhattan apartment" in 2004. They spread immediately to the Left Coast, and from there to Vancouver and Calgary, the apparent, er, hot bed of Canadian cud-

In a nutshell

The idea is to bring a bunch of people together, most of them total strangers, and create a group grope that stays on the disappointing side of sexuality throughout.

Those eastern bastards may have to freeze in the dark, but Calgary has Cuddle Power to keep it warm.

The idea is to bring a bunch of people together, most of them total strangers, and create a group grope that stays on the disappointing side of sexuality throughout.

Organizers are adamant. No sex. According to the Rules (and there are plenty of them), if you get turned on, just wait and it will go

away. So they say. Just to make sure: no alcohol or shorts allowed. Pyjamas with drawstrings — this is a lace-free zone.

The first 40 minutes of the event involves a presentation on How to Cuddle, giving leery participants enough time to work up the courage to cuddle some guy you might not care to sit next to on the bus, especially considering the

way he's looking at you.

But don't worry! By the end of the evening, you'll have discovered the Joy of Cuddling and will be prepared to cuddle anyone or anything. Or not. One of the features of the Cuddle Party is that it offers participants an opportunity to learn how to say NO in the clinch. Each touch essentially has to be negotiated in advance. If the cuddlee says yes (not yes! yes!) then the cuddler can proceed with some

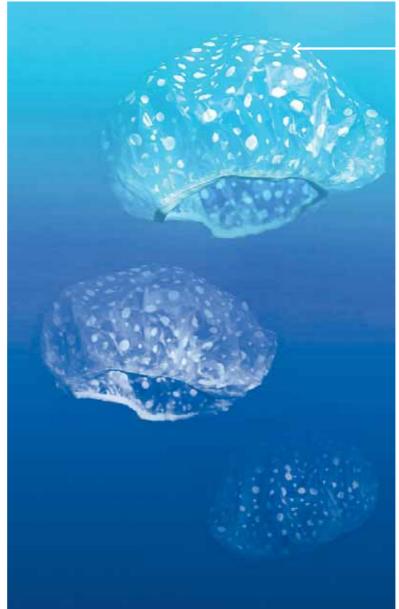
respectful, non-sexual touching.
This advanced course in touching strangers leads to a lot of (painfully) sincere, convoluted language from participant testimonials on the website cuddleparty.com about learning to say no in order to say yes, or is it the other way around? And about how cuddling is not always about sex and various other things guys will say when they hope to get lucky.

Look, I can't think of anything I'd rather do less on my last day on Earth than cuddle with the cast of Portlandia, but that's just me. I can Just Say No, can't I? But you go ahead and get to yes. Just remember, that's

all you're getting.



This looks a bit fishy



'Animal' photography

Plastic shot to look like sea creatures

This image of odd-looking sea creatures would have marine biologists baffled, but it in fact shows an everyday object shot to represent sea animals. The project, titled Plastic Pacific, was created by Australian artist Kim Preston, 33, who wanted to draw attention to the devastating effect of plastic buildup in oceans around the globe. METRO

Artist's viewpoint

"I hoped that the prettiness of the images would draw people in more than if I showed the far uglier reality."

Kim Preston, digital designer and illustrator, 33, from Melbourne Passionate about the preservation of our oceans, Preston added that "this is a photographically based rant against the irresponsible overuse of plastic. I recently obtained a cribadition explication of the property of th obtained a scuba-diving certificate in Indonesia and seeing all of the plastic caught on the reefs inspired this project."

Process of photograph

Creativity used to shoot under budget

Shot in her garden shed, Preston used a blue fabric as the backdrop and hung all the objects from a clothes rack while she photographed them. For the shower caps, she would quickly blow into them before snapping a shot with a wireless shutter release. She had planned to shoot the series inside a fish tank, but her lack of budget forced her to become more creative **METRO**



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End of the world viewing

The end of the world may or may not be upon us, but Hollywood has been preparing us for this moment for decades. The higher the stakes, the bigger the drama, and there's no higher stakes than the fate of the entire world. So here's our picks for the best movies about the end of the world.

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Alfonso Cuarón's adaptation of P.D. James' novel about a world unraveling after women stop being able to get pregnant is a masterpiece, a gripping and hyper-realistic look at how society deals with calamity. The real tragedy is how little attention it got upon its release. Watch it now, while you still have





OK to laugh in the face of possible nuclear annihilation with this pointed satire of escalation and mutually assured destruction, culminating with Slim Pickens' famous ride on a warhead.

Dazzling visuals and an impressive, against-type performance by Kirsten Dunst buoy this divisive film from Lars von Trier about a family trying to get through a wedding while a rogue planet hurtles toward Earth, threatening total annihi-



4. The Cabin in the Woods



Spoiler alert: Drew Goddard's hilarious, twistfilled take on horror movies (co-written by Joss Whedon) is more than it

Call it the Omega Valley Girls. In this sci-fi horrorcomedy gem, two nononsense teenage sisters contend with zombies in the fallout of the titular comet reducing Los An-



6. Last Night (1998)

A quiet, delightful indie precursor to Seeking a Friend for the End of the World, Don McKeller's film gives a distinctly Canadian look at the end of the world. Toronto residents have had months to prepare, so there's little need for panic





A gut-punch of a film, John Hillcoat's screen adaptation is just as chilling and stark as the Cormac McCarthy novel on which it is based. The world may not actually end in this one, but from the looks of what's become of things, it might

A refreshing take on the asteroid headed to Earth plot, this road movie with Steve Carell and Keira Knightley is surprisingly charming — and features a barrage of comic cameos as the main characters head out across the country with three weeks





Long before CGI could render total destruction in realistic detail, we had Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner waiting out the end in Australia after a global nuclear war in this Cold War-era drama. notable for its non-Hollywood ending.

10. Deep Impact (1998)

In a year that brought competing projects about an asteroid on a collision course with the Earth, the scrappy Deep Impact is actually the superior movie to Michael Bay's bloated, Aerosmith-balladfilled Armageddon if for no other reason than it gave us President Morgan Freeman. Also, points for casting Elijah Wood.

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'It's gonna be cold, it's gonna be grey, and it's gonna last you for the rest of your life'

Movies. The classic Bill Murray quote stands the test of time as the latest mid-life crisis movie. This is 40. arrives this weekend



FOCUS

Forty isn't old, but Leslie Mann and Paul Rudd, the leads in the new Judd Apatow comedy This is 40, are confronting middle age and not always liking what they see.

Mid-life ruts have supplied the basis for many movies.

The best-known age-angst film has to be American Beauty. Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey, who won a best actor Oscar for his work) has a classic case of the midlife blues. Depressed, he allows himself to be pushed around by his employer and

his wife and he's developed an unhealthy crush on his daughter's friend. To restart his life, he quits his job, blackmails his boss and deals with his wife's infidelity.

"I feel like I've been in a coma for the past 20 years," he says. "And I'm just now waking up."

Things don't work out well for Lester, but weatherman Phil Connors's (Bill Murray) mid life crisis has a better

outcome.

At the beginning of Groundhog Day he's a drunk, suicide prone curmudgeon who sums up his outlook like this, "I'll give you a winter prediction: It's gonna be cold, it's gonna be grey, and it's gonna last you for the rest of your life."

When he starts living the same day over and over again, however, he begins to see the beauty of life.

Bill Murray is also forced to reflect on his existence in Broken Flowers, when he receives a mysterious letter telling him of a son he didn't know about.

"Well, the past is gone, I know that," he says. "The future isn't here yet, whatever it's going to be. So, all there is, is this. The present. That's

Mid-life crises aren't the domain of men, however.

In The Bridges of Madison County, Meryl Streep plays Francesca, an Iowa house-wife who shatters the midlife doldrums by having a brief but meaningful affair with National Geographic photographer Robert Kincaid (played by Clint Eastwood). Of her affair she says, "everything I knew to be true about myself up until then was gone. I was acting like another woman, yet I was more myself than ever before."

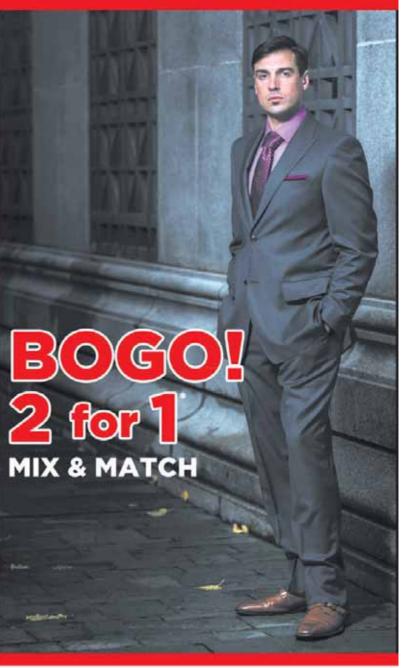
The best-loved mid-life movie might be Shirley Valentine, the bittersweet tale of an English housewife who leaves her humdrum exist-ence behind for a happier life in the Greek islands

"I used to be The Mother," she says. "I used to be The Wife. But now I'm Shirley Valentine again."

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A Guilt Trip down the middle lane

The Guilt Trip

Director, Anne Fletcher

Stars. Seth Rogen, Barbra Strei-

What made The Guilt Trip an interesting premise also ultimately works against it. Sure, crafting a road-trip comedy with Barbra Strei sand as mother to Seth Rogen's coddled adult son may attract fans from disparate



camps, but by skirting down the middle, the comedy ends up compromised for both sides

Ultimately, the Babs side

wins as Streisand's overbearing Jewish matriarch makes Rogen look like he's

just holding back.
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'Sexiest Man Alive' reproducing

Capping off an amazing year that's included several hit movies and a Sexiest Man Alive title, Channing Tatum is now gearing up for fatherhood. Tatum's wife, Jenna Dewan-Tatum, is expecting the couple's first child sometime next year, their rep con-

firmed to People magazine. And it may not be the last.

"I'm ready. I think she's ready," Tatum recently told the magazine. "The first number that pops into my head is three, but I just want one to be healthy and then we'll see where we go after that."

The Word

Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Beckham?



THE WORD Dorothy Robinson scene@metronews.o

It was announced this week that at only 10 years old, David and Victoria Beckham's son Romeo Beckham is the "baby face" of Burberry's spring/summer '13 campaign, joining a long list of models and stars who have fronted ads for the house. "We had such fun shooting the campaign and I think that comes through in the images, which really reflect the upbeat spirit of the collection," Burberry's creative director Christopher Bailey says.

Bailey says.
Perhaps Burberry really
wanted his dad, David Beckham, but then decided they
wanted to go with someone
who has more of a mature,
male yoice?

In other news: A 2012 coming-out recap

Who: Anderson Cooper, journalist.

How: In an email to blogger



Andrew Sullivan. **What was said:** "The fact is, I'm gay," Cooper wrote. "Always have been, always will be, and I couldn't be any more happy, comfortable with myself and proud."

Who: Wade Davis, a cornerback who spent four preseasons with three NFL teams. **How:** In an interview with Outsports.com.

Outsports.com.

What was said: "You just want to be one of the guys, and you don't want to lose that sense of family," Davis said about not coming out sooner. "Your biggest fear is that you'll lose that camaraderie and family,"

Who: Lee "Uncle Poodle" Thompson, redneck. **How:** Just by appearing on Honey Boo Boo.

What was said: Thompson's homosexuality isn't a huge to-do on the show, he's out and proud. As Alana says in the season finale, "ain't nothin' wrong with bein' a little gay."



Cutie divorce finalized

Zooey Deschanel's marriage to Death Cab for Cutie frontman Benjamin Gibbard is officially over, with the former couple formalizing their divorce in a Los Angeles court last week, just over a month after separating, according to E! News. And the New Girl star appears to already be moving on, having been spotted recently walking hand-in-hand with new screenwriter boyfriend Jamie Linden.

Mila Kunis was one of hacker Christopher Chaney's victims.

Hacker to the stars gets 10 years in prison

Christopher Chaney, the man responsible for hacking the email accounts of more than 50 celebrities and posting their intimate photos online, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison, according to E!

Chaney was also

ordered to pay restitution fees of \$66,179 by the judge, who admonished Chaney for his "callous disregard to his victims" during the hearing. His famous victims included Scarlett Johansson, Miley Cyrus, Jessica Alba and Mila Kunis









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This holiday season, think South Pole instead of North

Icy wonderland. While Santa's homeland might be on our minds right now, Antarctica's unspoiled landscape beckons travellers

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Who owns Antarctica? The penguins, of course — several million of them (cute little devils, too). At 1.4 times the size of Canada, the seventh continent to tick off your bucket list is rich with incredible wildlife, pristine vistas and amazing history. With the season stretching from the end of November to the beginning of March, and January temps hovering at zero around the northern part of the Antarctic Peninsula, this trip south could be your chance to be a real snowbird this winter.

The starting gate

The expedition begins with an overnight in Ushuaia, a small city of 65,000 at the bottom of Argentina that bills itself as the "city at the end of the world." Just a few kilometres from Tiera del Fuego National Park, it was originally founded as a prison colony, and the old prison has been converted into a museum complex, which includes a full wing on Antarctica.

The ship

Most of the cruise ships that serve Antarctica are a smaller variety; great for squeezing through ice-filled canals. Toronto-based Quark Expeditions has been ferrying people across the notorious Drake Passage for 20 years, with a comfortably high guest-to-crew ratio and an excellent track record. On-board experts share their knowledge of ornithology, marine biology, zoology and geology with insightful talks during downtimes on the voyage down and back, as well as throughout the trip. Photography courses help guests get that perfect shot, and a wellness program includes yoga classes and massage therapy — both great for relieving backs left sore from a day of hiking and Zodiac boat rides around all the icebergs.

The crowd

A truly international crowd makes this trek — from the fleece-clad adventurers to the retirees bored with the Caribean to the young marrieds getting in some travel miles before they start a family.

"Antarctica captures people's imagination regardless of their age, and people come with different goals," says Quark expedition leader David Wood.

Visiting scientists gathering data could well accompany you on your excursions, and are eager to talk about their work. Whether guests are gung-ho adventure types or a "contemplative" group that takes things easier, there is pretty much something for everyone.

The excursions

After two days at sea, when you reach land-ho, out come the Zodiac pontoon boats. Twice daily spins around the various harbours and bays, plus landings on islands that dot the Antarctic Peninsula as well as the continent itself, make for a flurry of activity. Sea kayaking is a great way to interact with the scenery and connect with the water and the wildlife. Penguin colonies, secluded bays of berg-filled waters, lazy seals on thick ice floes, majestic birds,

gorgeous glacial ice sculptures, rocky peaks — the photo ops are beyond stunning.

The eco-friendliness

All Antarctica tour operators uphold the same objectives to keep the region as pristine as possible, following directives outlined in The Antarctic Treaty, which was signed in 1959.

Among other things, this involves preventing the introduction of non-native species to the area, be it plants or disease.

Travellers step through a disinfecting boot bath getting on and off the ship. You leave zero evidence of ever having stepped on Antarctica, except for your footprint.



The penguins are the real stars of the cruise, entertaining travellers with their antics.

If you go..

Tours. For 2013-2014,
 Quark Expeditions has
 a few new adventures,
 including a Greenland
 cruise and a Falklands,
 South Georgia and
 Antarctica voyage that
 departs from Buenos
 Aires. It features the
 first-ever Polar Floating
 Documentary Film Festival, and was just voted
 one of Wanderlust Travel
 magazine's 50 Best Trips
 of 2013. Check it all out at
 quarkexpeditions.com.



Roasting chestnuts on an open fire...



There are options aside from

Do people really roast chestnuts?

Yes, says Linda Grimo of Grimo Nut Nursery in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont, But the easiest way to do them is on the barbecue, she says. Nuts have been part of the holiday tradition for centuries, with both religious and pagan origins cited by various sources. Although cooks tend to incorporate them in dishes throughout the year, they are a staple of holiday entertaining.

Can-uts

The only two types of nuts grown here commercially are hazelnuts and heartnuts — in very small quantities. Peanuts also are grown, but they're not really nuts. They're a legume and part of the bean family. It's a mystery to Grimo. "Nuts are so easy to farm and very profitable," she says. But farmers have been slow to pick up on the opportunity.

Storage

Store-bought nuts in the shell or in jars can be stored at room temperature, but freshly harvested nuts have a high moisture content and need to dry out. Grimo advises people who pick black walnuts, for example, to hang them in a burlap sack in the furnace room for three weeks, preferably with a small fan near them to circulate air through the bag. Chestnuts are the exception and should always be stored in the refrigerator.

roasting

Sautéing peeled chestnuts in a frying pan is an alternative to barbecuing. If you boil them briefly first, the nuts will "pop right out" of the skin, says Grimo. She cooks them in butter for at least 10 minutes, adding sugar to caramelize them for a sweet treat or garlic or onions if she wants to add them to vegetable or meat dishes.

The weigh in

Nuts are very good for us, says dietitian Doug Cook, and since they all have different nutrients in varying degrees, eating a variety is best. Ounce for ounce, nuts contain between 150 and 200 calories. The number of servings per person should depend on age, activity level and body weight. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ DOUG COOK DIETITIAN AND DIRECTOR OF THE TORONTO CHAPTER OF HEALTH-

Cocktails of the Week

Fig and Maple

Something about fig and maple syrup just goes together. And when you add a little liquor, you have a delicious and warming combination that is perfect for those nights when you're curled up in

front of the fire.

- 2 fresh or dried fig
- 1 tbsp ginger marmalade
- 1 oz hot water
- 2 oz Bombay Sapphire
- 2 oz fresh lime juice • 2 oz ginger beer
- 1 oz maple syrup

1. In a shaker, muddle fig with ginger marmalade and water. Add Bombay

Sapphire, fresh lime juice, ginger beer and maple syrup. Add ice and double strain into glass. PHOTO AND RECIPE COUR TESY BOMBAY SAPPHIRE



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Halfway in and having some doubts?

School switcharoo.

It's not uncommon for mixed feelings to make their way into the minds of learners

CHRISTINA PELLEGRINI

So your college or university major isn't what you thought it'd be. Maybe the career op-portunities you thought you'd have haven't panned out. Or perhaps you've discovered a new interest.

Fall classes may be over, but there's still time to meet with an academic advisor and change your winter schedule to pursue a new major or specialization.

According to the University of Calgary, the majority of university students switch their majors at least once. Reasons why vary from not being hired to discovering new interests to iust plain uncertainty

What should you do if you're interested in something else? It's easy to follow your friends, study what your parents tell

on how much it pays. But you have to deal with your career choices, Toronto-based community manager Stephanie

Fusco says.

Fusco studied politics at Queen's University and hoped to go to law school since she was in high school. But in a fourth-year political communications seminar, she realized that she loved strategy, speech writing and communications

more. She graduated from Queen's and later pursued her passion and earned a postgraduate certificate in public relations from Humber Col-

"I knew I made the right choice when I found myself putting more effort into my Humber application than I was putting into worrying about whether I'd get into law school," she says. "I'm sure I'm

doing what I'm supposed to do and my career is on a path I'm

very happy with."

Maybe there's an aspect of your major you love. It may take some reflection or experimentation to figure it out, but try to pursue a degree and a career in the aspect that interests you the most, Fusco adds

What should you do if you're not sure?



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Stephanie Fusco onto-based community manager

If you're unsure about your interests or aspirations, choose an undecided major. According to the University of California, students who enter college with an undeclared major change their focus fewer times than students who declare their major. So when you do make a decision, you'll make it count.

What should you do if you weren't recruited this fall?

Many large companies have already filled their entry level or leadership program positions by now. Don't panic if you haven't been hired. Take rejection as an oppor-tunity to assess your inter-

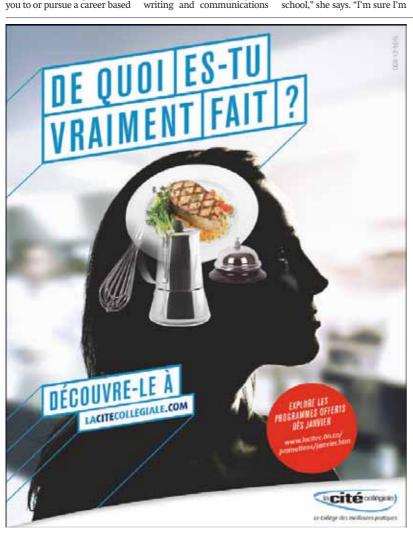
ests, goals and options. When an accor When an accounting firm didn't recruit Nick Guadagnolo last year, the then aspiring auditor and fourth-year accounting stu-dent at the Schulich School of Business enrolled in or-ganizational behaviour and marketing classes in his final semester instead.

"An accounting specialization without a CA designation was not what I wanted,' Guadagnolo says. "I excelled at, and quite frankly derived so much more pleasure from, the not-so-numerical aspects

of the BBA degree."

He studied things like marketing, sports crisis management and operating a family business. He wrote the LSAT in June, applied to law school this fall, travelled frequently and continues to work part-time in HR. For Guadagnolo, there is credence to a plan of action that doesn't involve immediately jumping into the fray. It sounds scary now, but maybe the same applies to you too.

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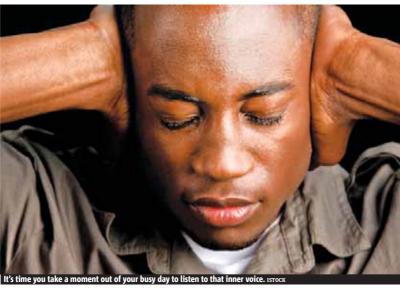
ISHANI NATH

Moving to a new city for a job means leaving your old life behind and often throws you right into work, making it hard to achieve any semblance of a work-life balance.

When being the new kid in the office also coincides with being the new kid on the block, it is especially important that you don't let your work life take over your entire life. It's not good for your job and it's not good for you.

This year I experienced my first summer in Toronto and also my first summer working in the city. After weeks of devoting myself to my job and nothing but my job, I realized that gaining some balance not only made me more productive but it generally made me hap-

Julie Chandler, an executive with Robert Half International. says that work-life balance is



one of the most important facets to performing well at work. "When I have that worklife balance, I go in the next day with a smile on my face because I'm happy to be back," she says.

According to a recent study by Regus PLC, more Canadian office workers feel that their work-life balance has

proved. However, in my experience, new hires often let work take over as they try to prove themselves in their new office.

Attempting to balance a fast-paced Toronto job with life in the big city taught me a few things about dividing my time between work and play. Through trial and error, here are the lessons I learned:

Take breaks

Starting a new job on the right foot means working hard, but it doesn't mean that you can never step away from your

When I first started working in Toronto, I was glued to my chair for eight solid hours, the equivalent of flying from Toronto to London, England,

After a long day at work it can be tempting to come home and slump down on the couch for the rest of the evening. While a little R&R is never a bad thing, it's important to break out of vour work-to-home routine.

Make plans with friends, go out after work and take in tourist attractions on the weekends. Working in the office followed by chores and passing out at home won't help make your job any more at-tractive. Put life back into your work-life balance and experience your city.

every day without rest stops. After a few weeks of working on the permanent butt-imprint in my office chair, a coworker approached me about having the same no-break problem. We decided to start eating lunch together, forcing each of us to step away from work for at least half an hour of banter over burgers.

The difference was astounding.
I returned to work feeling

refreshed and ready to get back to my job. Taking coffee breaks and time for lunch also helps the day go by faster so rather than watching the clock tick by you actually have the energy and the drive to make the most of your time in the

Leave work at the office

In the age of social media and smart phones, work is no longer contained to the office. Assignments can roll in at any time, on any day with the click of a button.

However, it is important to make a distinction between work time and home time. Do vou really need to be reading budget reports on Saturday morning or can it wait until Monday?

Job permitting, try to avoid checking your work emails during the weekends or evenings. If that isn't possible, then at the very least give yourself some tech-free hours over dinner or at the gym; anything that allows you to focus on something other than your ongoing projects.

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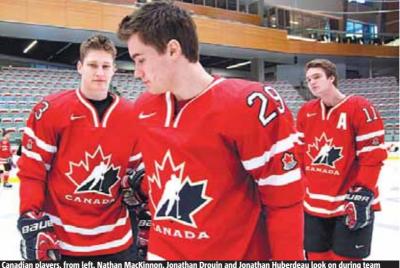
Travel concerns. Trip to Ufa, Russia, just one more obstacle on road to world championship

The puck drop for Canada's first three games at the world junior hockey championship in Russia is 4:30 a.m. ET.

Host city Ufa is 10 to 14 hours ahead of the Canadian players' body clocks, depending on what part of the country they're from. A Canadian junior team hasn't travelled this far, or crossed this many time zones since the 2001 tournament in Moscow. Ufa is another 1,160 kilometres and two time zones to the southeast. Jet lag and travel fatigue will

be major challenges, barriers as significant on the road to gold as the Russians, Swedes and Americans.

Hockey Canada enlisted the expertise of Calgary sleep specialist Dr. Charles Samuels to



draw up a plan to combat jet

lag and sleep deprivation.

"It's basically a survival situation if you look at the frequency of games, the time of the games and then the fact there's virtually no time to recover before the finals." Calgary sleep specialist Dr. Charles Samuels

"I've met with sleep doctors, sports psychologists, neuro-psychologists," Canadian head coach Steve Spott said. "I've met with just about every doctor possible."

The accepted rule is it takes a day for every hour of time dif-ference to adapt. Samuels aims to accelerate the adjustment.

Travel fatigue gets less atten-

tion than jet lag, he says, but for athletes who travel to far-flung places a lot, it can be damaging to performance. The cumulative effects of extensive travel fatigue the body and mind. Even though the Canadian team is only travelling to Ufa once, the distance and time on planes can catch up with them.

Samuels drew up Canada's

The Canadian team is currently in training in Finland, a four-hour time difference from Ufa, Russia. The players were on a strict schedule from the moment the wheels went up on their flight from Calgary on Saturday.

- One of the worst things a team can do, says Samuels, is get on the plane exhausted, but it was inevitable some players would be after selection camp.
- "We really talked about on the flight, eye shades, ear plugs, noise-cancellation headphones, all the pillows and comfort you need and the plane is for rest. No screwing around," Samuels said.

plan from a template he created for the Vancouver Canucks in their 2011 Stanley Cup final against the Boston Bruins.

"That's an extreme example, because you're coast to coast, Boston to Vancouver," Samuels said. "We take that experience and translate it to this, which is even more extreme.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refusing to buckle on value of knuckle



New Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey began toying with the knuckleball in while with the Texas Rangers and initially struggled with it. But Dickey ng on the pitch and has enjoyed solid success with it since It's quirky, unpredictable and has been described in baseball circles as an oddity and "pitch

of last resort."
But the Toronto Blue Jays are banking on R.A. Dickey's dancing knuckleball.

The Jays acquired the National League Cy Young Award winner in a seven-player deal with the Mets on Monday.

Dickey, 38, posted a 20-6 record and 2.73 earned-run average with New York in 2012, but his go-to pitch wasn't a blazing fastball, nasty slider or deep-bending curve. Often he got batters out with the knuckleball, a slow, unassuming pitch that flutters like a butterfly.

By the numbers

R.A. Dickey is the fourth pitcher to win the Cy Young only to be traded before the next season, joining David Cone, Pedro Martinez

"This may be a pitch of last resort, which I think is accurate, but think about over history how many last resorts have ended up being successful," Dickey said during a con-ference call Tuesday. "A lot." General manager Alex An-

thopoulos signed Dickey to a two-year, \$25-million US con-

tract extension with a \$12-million club option for 2016. Dickey is scheduled to earn \$5.25 million in 2013.

"I think Alex should be commended on being able to see past those stereotypical analyzations a lot of guys give the pitch as a gimmick or something that isn't legitimate," Dickey said. "I think we can all admit the past year and the past three years in general have been legitimate."

The good news for Toronto is Dickey started six games against the American League over his three seasons in New York, posting a 4-0 record and 1.71 ERA. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Judge lowers bond in Cowboy Brent's manslaughter case

A judge ordered Dallas Cowboys nose tackle Josh Brent to wear an electronic monitor pending his trial on an intoxication manslaughter charge in the one-car crash that killed a teammate.

State District Judge Fred Tinsley also lowered Brent's bond from \$500,000 US to \$100,000 on Tuesday. He ordered Brent not to drink alcohol or drive without a valid driver's licence. Prosecutors say Brent was driving with a suspended licence on the night of the Dec. 8 crash that killed friend and Cowboys practice squad member Ierry Brown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tennis

Ottawa-born Levine looking to play for Canada

Canada's tennis ranks are getting some reinforcements, but possibly not in time for a high-profile Davis Cup match against Spain in February.

A Tennis Canada spokes-man has confirmed that Jesse

Levine is applying to tennis authorities to represent Canada rather than the U.S.

The 25-year-old Levine, currently ranked 104th in the world, was born in Ottawa but moved to the U.S. when

he was 13. The ATP lists his residence as Boca Raton, Fla.

Levine has petitioned the International Tennis Federation to represent Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	-
L.A. Clippers	18	6	.750	2
San Antonio	19	7	.731	2
Memphis	16	6	.727	3
Golden State	16	8	.667	4
Minnesota	12	10	.545	7
Utah	13	12	.520	71/2
Denver	13	12	.520	71/2
Houston	12	12	.500	8
Portland	11	12	.478	81/2
Dallas	11	13	.458	9
L.A. Lakers	11	14	.440	91/2
Phoenix	10	15	.400	101/2
Sacramento	7	17	.292	13
New Orleans	5	18	.217	141/2
Division leaders ranked in	ton.	three	nositio	ins

and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Tuesday's results

Toronto at Cleveland Atlanta at Washington Utah at Brooklyn

Minnesota at Miami Boston at Chicago

Indiana at Milwaukee

Philadelphia at Dallas San Antonio at Denver

Charlotte at L.A. Lakers New Orleans at Golden State

Monday's results

Orlando 102 Minnesota 93 Houston 109 New York 96 L.A. Clippers 88 Detroit 76 Memphis 80 Chicago 71 Oklahoma City 107 San Antonio 93

Phoenix 101 Sacramento 90

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m. Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m Brooklyn at New York, 7 p.m. Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m. Oklahoma City at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m. Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Milwaukee at Memphis, 9:30 p.m. Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m. New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Miami at Dallas, 9:30 p.m. Denver at Portland, 10 p.m

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX - Agreed to terms with RHP Koji Uehara on a one-year contract. CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Julio Vinas manager and Britt Burns pitching coach of Birmingham (SL); Ryan Newm manager of Winston-Salem (Carolina): Tommy Thompson manager of Kannapolis (SAL); Pete Rose Jr. manager of Great Falls (Pioneer); Bobby Magallanes manager of Bristol (Appalachian); Doug Sisson minor league outfield/baserunning instructor; and Vance Law special assistant to playe development.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with 3B Mark Revnolds on a one-year

HOUSTON ASTROS — Designated RHP Mickey Storey for assignment. LOS ANGELES ANGELS - Agreed to terms with 2B Luis Rodriguez on a minor league contract

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Pelfrey on a one-year contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Traded OF Collin Cowgill to the N.Y. Mets for INF Jefry Marte. Agreed to terms with SS Hiroyuki Nakajima on a two-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Ramon Ortiz and OF Ryan Langerhans on minor league contracts and RHP Roberto Hernandez on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Named Pat Lis-

NATIONAL LEAGUE

tach minor league infield coordinator; Todd Takayoshi assistant minor league hitting coordinator; Rick Knapp minor league pitching coordinator; John Shoemaker Camelback Ranch-Glendale coordinator of instruction: Franklin Stubbs hitting coach of Albuquer que (PCL); Jody Reed manager, Hector Berrios pitching coach and Orv Franchuk hitting coach of Chattanooga (SL); Carlos Subero manager and Johnny Washington hitting coach of Rancho Cucamonga (Cal); Razo Shines manager, Bill Simas pitching coach and Mike Eylward hitting coach of Great Lakes (MWL): Esteban Lopez hitting coach of Ogden (Pioneer); and P.J. Forbes manager of the Arizona League Dodgers.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Rick Tomlin minor league pitching coordinator; Bob Skube coach and Aaron Hoback trainer for Nashville (PCL); Steve Patera trainer of Huntsville (SL): Tony Diggs manager and Dwayne Hosey coach of Helena (Pioneer); Nestor Corredor manager and Greg Barajas trainer of the Arizona League Brewers. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES - Agreed to

contract. **NBA**

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled F/C Donatas Motiejunas from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

terms with LHP John Lannan on a one-year

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OL Kraig Urbik to a contract extension, Placed LB Arthur Moats on injured reserve and WR Donald Jones on the reserve/non-football illness list. Signed WR Chris Hogan and LB Greg Lloyd from the practice squad. CHICAGO BEARS — Placed RB Michael Bush on injured reserve. Signed RB Kahlil Bell. CLEVELAND BROWNS - Named Alec Scheiner president, Placed LB James-Michael Johnson and DB T.J. Ward on injured reserve. Signed DB Prince Miller and LB Adrian Moten. Signed DL Hall Davis from the practice squad. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS - Placed DE Andre Branch and RR Jordan Todman on injured reserve. Released WR Quan Cosby and FB Will Ta'ufo'ou. Signed WR Mike Brown, LB Brandon Marshall and TE Isaiah Stanback from the practice squad and OL Tommie Draheim and WR Brittan Golden to

the practice squad. NEW YORK GIANTS - Re-signed OL Selvish Capers. Waived CB Terrence Frederick. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS - Released TE Evan Moore. Signed TE Sean McGrath from the

TORONTO ARGONAUTS - Released PK/P Noel Prefontaine.

NHL

WASHINGTON CAPITALS - Reassigned F Stanislav Galiev and D Brett Flemming from Reading (ECHL) to Hershev (AHL). American Hockey League AHL — Suspended Lake Erie LW Patrick Bordeleau three games CONNECTICUT WHALE — Called up D Steven Delisle from Greenville (ECHL). SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Recalled D Patrick Cullity from Idaho (ECHL).

WASHINGTON STEALTH — Traded G Kevin Croswell to Philadelphia for a 2013 thirdround draft pick. Released F Jeff Zywicki, F Martin Cummings, G Chris Seidel, F Peter Jacobs, F Jerome Thompson, F Mark Negrin, T.J. Cowx, T.Rvan Johnson and D.Ben. McCullough.

MLS

COLUMBUS CREW — Re-signed M Danny O'Rourke to a one-year contract. D.C. UNITED — Released M Stephen King and D Michael Chahala FC DALLAS - Signed F Wesley "Pipico" Silva

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	VV	L	UIL	SOF	GF	GA	Pt
Portland	27	15	10	1	1	82	83	32
Providence	25	14	9	0	2	61	69	30
Worcester	26	13	10	1	2	72	78	29
Manchester	27	12	11	2	2	75	70	28
St. John's	28	13	14	0	1	66	77	27
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	GP	W	L	0TL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	25	15	5	2	3	87	58	35
Bridgeport	26	12	11	1	2	79	87	27
Albany	23	9	8	0	6	55	61	24
Connecticut	26	11	13	2	0	74	88	24

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	26	17	6	1	2	95	70	37
Binghamton	22	14	6	1	1	70	53	30
W-B/Scranto	n 25	13	10	1	1	69	68	28
Hershey	27	13	12	1	1	73	75	28
Norfolk	24	11	12	1	0	69	74	23

NORTH DIVISION

:	GP	W	L	0TL	SOL	GF	GA	P
 Abbotsford 	26	15	5	3	3	66	62	3
Toronto	25	15	9	0	1	85	68	3
: Rochester	24	12	9	2	1	82	76	2
: Lake Erie	27	12	13	1	1	82	88	2
Hamilton	24	10	12	1	1	55	76	2

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	- 0
Grand Rapids	24	13	9	1	1	74	70	2
Rockford	27	13	12	1	1	88	86	2
Chicago	24	12	9	2	1	65	71	2
Milwaukee	26	12	11	2	1	73	79	2
Peoria	26	11	11	2	2	63	83	2

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	0TL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	28	17	9	0	2	90	74	36
Houston	26	14	8	1	3	82	73	32
Texas	25	13	8	2	2	62	65	30
Oklahoma City	26	13	9	1	3	86	78	30
San Antonio	28	10	15	0	3	71	87	23
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Hamilton at Peoria

Springfield at Portland, 7 p.m. Norfolk at Hershey, 7 p.m. Albany at Bridgeport, 7 p.m. Toronto at Lake Erie, 7 p.m. Rochester at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m. W-B/Scranton at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m. Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Texas, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's games Connecticut at Manchester, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m. Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Abbotsford at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m. Binghamton at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. Worcester at Providence, 7:05 p.m. St. John's at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m. Albany at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m. Adirondack at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m. Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 n m. Texas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m

ALLANTIC DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA			
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rovidence	25	14	9	0	2	61	69			
Vorcester	26	13	10	1	2	72	78			
Nanchester	27	12	11	2	2	75	70			
t. John's	28	13	14	0	1	66	77			
INDTHEAST DIVISION										

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Springfield	25	15	5	2	3	87	58	35	
Bridgeport	26	12	11	1	2	79	87	27	
Albany	23	9	8	0	6	55	61	24	
Connecticut	26	11	13	2	0	74	88	24	
Adirondack	25	10	14	1	0	61	75	21	
EAST DIVI	SIC	N							

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	26	15	5	3	3	66	62	36
Toronto	25	15	9	0	1	85	68	31
Rochester	24	12	9	2	1	82	76	27
Lake Erie	27	12	13	1	1	82	88	26
Hamilton	24	10	12	1	1	55	76	22

· MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	P
Grand Rapids	24	13	9	1	1	74	70	28
Rockford	27	13	12	1	1	88	86	28
Chicago	24	12	9	2	1	65	71	27
Milwaukee	26	12	11	2	1	73	79	27
Peoria	26	11	11	2	2	63	83	26

Tuesday's result

Wednesday's games - All Times Eastern

Abbotsford at Chicago, 12 p.m. St. John's at Adirondack, 7 p.m.

Thursday's games Houston at Lake Erie, 7 p.m.

Peoria at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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WEEK 15

v-Denver

San Diego

Oakland Kansas City

Monday's result Tennessee 14 N.Y. Jets 10

Sunday's results

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Houston 29 Indianapolis 17 Green Bay 21 Chicago 13 New Orleans 41 Tampa Bay 0 Seattle 50 Buffalo 17

Carolina 31 San Diego 7 Arizona 38 Detroit 10 Dallas 27 Pittsburgh 24

Oakland 15 Kansas City 0 San Francisco 41 New England 34

N.Y. Jets Tennessee 0 First Quarte

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(Folk kick), 3:19.

Fourth Quarter

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Total Net Yards	253	29
Rushes-yards	30-146	30-16
Passing	107	12
Punt Returns	1-7	2-

WEEK 16

x-San Francisco

Seattle

St. Louis Arizona

Saturday's game — All Times Eastern

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Atlanta at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's games Minnesota at Houston, 1 p.m. Tennessee at Green Bay, 1 p.m. Oakland at Carolina, 1 p.m. San Diego at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. New England at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m. New Orleans at Dallas, 1 p.m. St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. Cleveland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.

Chicago at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

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Third Quarter NYJ-Cumberland 17 pass from Sanchez

Ten-Locker 13 run (Bironas kick), :20

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TEAM STATISTICS

	NYJ	Ten
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otal Net Yards	253	294
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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-N.Y. Jets. Greene 13-68. McKnight 4-29, Powell 6-28, Tebow 3-15, Sanchez 4-6. Tennessee, C.Johnson 21-122, Locker 7-43, O.Johnson 2-2. PASSING-N.Y. Jets, Sanchez 13-28-4-131, Tebow 0-1-0-0. Tennessee, Locker

13-22-0-149 RECEIVING—N.Y. Jets, Cumberland 4-53, Edwards 3-47, Powell 2-15, Greene 2-1, Kerley 1-11, Reuland 1-4. Tennessee, Washington 4-62, Wright 3-31, Preston 2-31, Stevens 2-16, Britt 1-7, Q.Johnson 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS-Tennessee, Bironas









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Civic hits refresh button



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Features

The new Honda Civic's feature list is long, so here's some highlights: Bluetooth for audio and device hookup, heated front seats, read out and respond for text messages and navigation upgraded with voice recognition, plus a "three-view rear camera. In fact, a rearview camera is now standard on EX models



- Sales. Canada's top selling car
- Engine. 140 hp, 1.8 litre fourcylinder. Si Coupes and Sedans upgraded to 201 hp
- Location. Most models built in
- Base price (incl.destination).

Style changes

The new model flaunts a degree of exterior style and interior finesse not quite evident on the 2012 Civic. In a mid-cycle refresh like this one, about all vou're able to change on the outside are front and rear fascia, hood and trunk panels and the wheels. Honda has done that and all to

Design

The look is wider and lower - slightly more sporty and premium. It now sports exterior bits you've been seeing on higher-end models, like complex headlights, black mesh grille with chrome accents, integrated fog lights (on higher trim lines) and larger, more horizontal taillights that flow into the sides of the car.

Review. New model has learned from mistakes of 2012 Civic

MIKE GOETZ

This newly minted 2013 Honda Civic sedan is one unusual automobile. Not weird like it runs on goat cheese, or some other dairy product.

Unusual in that the refresh bestowed upon it for 2013 comes only one model year after it was completely reborn. About 18 months ago, that all-new and ninth-generation 2012 Honda Civic came out to mixed reviews - not so bad that it had any problem at all retaining its mantel as Canada's top-selling passenger car.

But Honda must have been clearly spooked about its initial reception and the subsequent and serious competitive moves made by its competitors in this all-important compact car segment — Canada's largest. Toyota Corolla and Mazda3 have always battled Civic hard. but now there's a whole new and energetic crowd banging on the door (Chevrolet Cruise, Ford Focus, Hyundai Elantra, Dodge Dart, etc.)

The days when the Civic was just a car for the first time buyer are gone," says Dave Gardner, vice-president of sales and marketing for Honda Canada. "We're now appealing to a significant number of customers who are downsizing from intermediate or larger

On top of everything else it offers, it's quieter on the road thanks to new acoustic measures and the new suspension bits, which also reduce NVH. You could ask, why didn't the 2012 Civic come out the gate this way? Another question you could ask is, why don't other automakers have the cojones to react as fast and effectively to correct a vehicle that is not as good as it could be? Good on Honda to make this move, and good on Civic. Your place on top of the Canadian sales charts will surely







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With a mechanic's nod you can bank on your Subaru Baja

Second Gear.

2003-2006 Subaru Baja

JUSTIN PRITCHARD

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Subaru's Baja, which was available in Canada from 2003 to 2006, was called a 'crossover' vehicle — and featured four doors, roof-rails and a truck-bed in back. A trap door could be opened between the bed and passenger compartment, allowing for extended length cargo to be accommodated.

accommodated.

BAJA's cabin was available with leather, a sunroof, CD player and aluminum trim, so owners after a luxurious and flexible hauler will likely be impressed. A six-way power driver's seat, roofmounted activity lights, and a bed-cover were available, too.



PHOTO:HANDOUT

Common Issues

A rough idle could indicate an oil-flow problem on turbocharged engines, caused by a clogged screen in an oil connection. Automatic transmissions could have a leak at the transmission stud, which presents itself as a blood-red fluid apparent near the engine's oil filter. Have a used Subaru Baja jacked into the air at a dealership so a mechanic can inspect crucial parts for damage or abuse. Any leaks, scrapes, dents or excessive rust can be called into pricing negotiations. While there, a mechanic can check for the performance of any recall-related work, in this case dealing with the water pump pulley, a loosely-mounted oil-control valve and a defective 'park rod' in the automatic transmission.

Engine

Power came from a 2.5 litre boxer engine, developing 165 horsepower driving all four



gearbox. After the first year of sales, a turbo-charged engine was available with 210 horsepower.

What owners like

Turbocharged performance, relative fuel efficiency, flexibility, rarity and 'cool

factor, were all highly rated, as was performance in snowy or slippery conditions.

What owners dislike

Sluggish performance on automatic/non-turbo models, a small bed and seating for only four occupants

were among the most common complaints.

Many pickups and SUVs larger and thirstier than the Baja have a mile-long list of concerns and recalls to watch out for, so if Baja's right for you (and you can find one), buy confidently if the model checks out mechanically.





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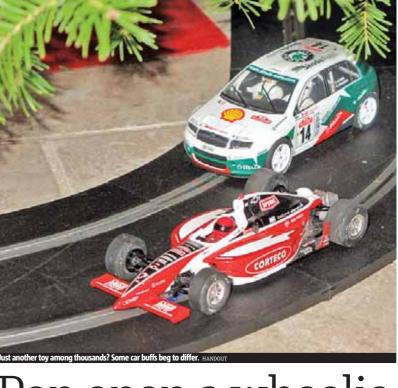
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The golden olden days. Hobby-grade slot cars continue their cult status with children and adults alike



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Christmas morning is always fun. But it can never be as fun as it was on those magical Christmas mornings, when you were in your prime toy- yearning years.

First you don't get the Santa thing. Then, Santa and Christmas morning are everything. Then you grad-ually get jaded by the whole thing and start getting up later and later on Christmas morning. The window is actually quite small for really getting into it, but when you're into it, you're into it

And it was in that glorious window that Santa once dropped off for me the ac-Eldon slot car racing set I feverishly desired.

Net result: best Christmas present ever.

I still have the two slot cars that came with the set an original Ford Mustang Fastback and a Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Coupe.

Back then (the mid-to-

late 1960s), slot car racing sets were one of the prime Christmas toys for boys.

"You'd go to an Eaton's store back then, and there would be four or five tracks set up for kids to play and try," remembers Ernie Mossetti, who has been a slot car retailer since 1988, and a slot car aficionado virtually all his life. "I was born in 1956, and got my first slot car in 1964."

The slot car's reign on

"Fortunately there are still enough dads out there who had one, and who want to buy a set for their kids ... or say they are buying a set for their kids."

Ernie Mossetti, slot car retailer and

On the popularity of the classic toy

top of the toy kingdom didn't last long. Mossetti says things were pretty much over by the late '60s.

Slot car sets are now just another toy among thousands. But "hobby grade" slot cars continue their cult status with adult aficionados, and some young folks as well.

Mossetti currently operates two slot car related concerns - raceworldcanada.com and mr.slotcar.ca the former's an online

store and the latter a line of professional grade slot cars designed by Mossetti (he's an industrial designer by trade). He notes that sets from Germany's Carrera and Britain's Scalextric continue to dominate the current market.

Mossetti says kids don't get exposed to the slot car world like they used to there is little advertising or promotion. And these days, you have to go to a hobby store or an online store to get your actual slot car

"Fortunately there are still enough dads out there who had one, and who want to buy a set for their kids ... Or say they are buying the set for their kids."

Ouch, I resemble that

last remark.

When our son, Jared, was four, he got from Santa a starter Scalextric set, with an Indy 500 theme. In retrospect, he was too young for it. Whenever he and his buddies played with it, they would simply hold the controller throttle on full blast, all the time. The beautifully detailed Indy racers were flying and crashing all over the living room. As designated first responder, I was very busy retrieving the cars and setting them back gently on the track, only to see them fly off of the track on the next lap.

But I didn't mind. They moved onto other activities eventually. Then I would have the track all to myself.

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BY BETTY MARTIN

↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You can be as adventurous as you please now, knowing that nothing bad will come of it. Make use of the Sun's final few days in sympathetic Sagittarius to have fun. Forget about yesterday, it's today that matters.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21 Money may be a little tight at the moment but that is no reason to deny yourself the good things in life. On the contrary, you will feel better about yourself if you splash out

a bit — but not too much.

II Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Thought may be your natural medium but with love planet Venus moving through the relationship area of your chart you want to express yourself not only mentally but romantically too. Give the object of your affection your full attention.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23 If you need help, you must ask

for it. No one will think any the less of you if you request assistance. On the contrary. they will admire your maturity. Neither success nor self-worth have anything to do with separation.

Ω Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The more you have been working on serious things, the more you owe it to yourself to have some fun. Social activities, as well as an affair of the heart, will bring you a great deal of pleasure over the next 24 hours.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Today's rather unusual events

will convince you that important objectives can only be reached if you are prepared to meet other people halfway. That applies not only to your allies but to your rivals too.

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Most of the time your head rules your heart, but today the opposite will be true. You will allow your feelings to dictate what you say and do. Nothing bad will come of it. In fact, you will thoroughly enjoy yourself.

M Scorpio

Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22

Calm down and stop taking what other people say so seriously. Yes, of course, some individuals can be a complete pain but if you let them upset you it means they have won. It's life — learn to laugh at it.

🗷 Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Take your pleasures where you find them and don't give a thought to what is going on around you. Is that irresponsible? Some people may think so but you have done your bit for world peace — now you want a piece of the action.

17 Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Most of the time you think and behave rationally but the planets warn that your feelings could get the better of you today. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that so long as they are positive and loving feelings.

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Stick to what you do best and don't let others involve you in things you have next to no interest in. There is only so much that any one person can do and you'll do your bit better if it inspires you.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You will find yourself up against someone who speaks and acts a bit too aggressively today but you must not react in kind. Smile, talk softly and reasonably and let them see you are beyond their reach. You win. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Across

- 1. Package request (abbr.)
- 4. Breakfast choice 7. Headliner
- 11. Extremely dry
- 13. Seminary subj. 14. Skin opening
- 15. Renounce
- 17. "Far out!"
- 18. Trucker's radio, for short
- 19. Occasions
- 26. Little Rock st.
- 27. Victory sign28. Exclamation of surprise
- 30. At no time 34. Writer Levin
- 35. Whacks, as a housefly
- 37. Silkworm
- 38. Perry Mason's secretary
- 40. Musical note
- 41. Toss out
- 42. Knight of Grey's Anatomy
- 43. Busy --- (3 words)
- 46. Archie Bunker's offspring 50. – the World Turns
- 51. Cut back
- 52. Careless
- 58. General vicinity
- 60. Battery sz.
- 61. Church section 62. Car mishap
- 63. Skillet
- 64. Pouch
- 1. Canadian Auto Association
- 2. Sphere3. "I Know What You Last Summer"
- 4. Long, long time
- 5. Smart
- 6. Jane Lynch series
- 7. She played Emily Hartley on The
- Bob Newhart Show (init.)

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- 9. I smell — (2 words)
- 10. Lipstick colours
- 12. Recipe direction
- 16. Survivor network
- 20. Moving vehicles
- 21. Sooner than, poetically
- 22. Eager 23. Dried
- 24. Circus barker
- 25. Farm mother 29. Sandwich filler
- 31. Part of speech
- 32. A great lake
- 33. Take the subway
- 35. Indian dress
- 36. Maria (coffee liqueur) 39. Common paper sz.
- 44. Tree fluid
- 45. Business abbr.
- 46. Pleased
- 47. Knowledge 48. Mike with Mike Bullard
- 49. Memo abbr.
- 53. Half a Teletubbie
- 54. McShane or Ziering 55. The Hour - 22 Minutes
- 56. Eggs
- 57. Winter mo.
- 59. One Day a Time

See today's answers metronews.ca/ answers.



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Yesterday's Sudoku

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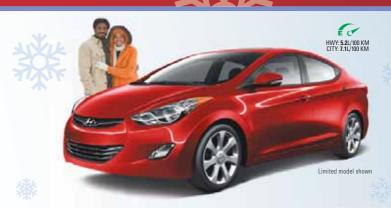
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